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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 751

By Newton

A RESOLUTION to recognize Tom Biggs on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those persons who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Tom Biggs is one such estimable person who has served with probity for twelve years with the Tennessee Board of Probation and Parole, and for forty years with the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Biggs was born and raised in Benton, Tennessee, and graduated from Polk County High School; he received a degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Tom Biggs commenced his career in 1960 as a Juvenile Probation Officer in the Southeast Tennessee Region; in 1972, he was promoted to District Director of Juvenile Probation and, two years later, he became Regional Director for Adult and Juvenile Probation, supervising a ten-county region; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, then Governor Ned R. McWherter appointed Mr. Biggs to the State Parole Board and reappointed him to a second six-year term in 1994; he served as Vice Chairman of the Board from 1990-95; and

WHEREAS, Tom Biggs enjoys the love and support of his wife, the former Judy Bull, and their daughter, Holly; the Biggs make their home in Cleveland, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Probation and Parole was fortunate to have had a member with Tom Biggs' broad range of knowledge and experience in criminal justice; having risen through the ranks, he possessed a strong identification with the needs of the parole staff in the field; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Tom Biggs has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their fullest potential, winning the respect and admiration of his peers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we thank Mr. Tom Biggs for his years of outstanding service to the state of Tennessee and extend to him and his family our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.